

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Continuation

Application of: Jay Qin et al

Examiner: Unknown

Serial No. : 09/495,390

Group Art Unit: 3739

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For : Method for Treating a Sphincter

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

***The Examiner's attention is directed to the Information Disclosure Statement that accompanies this Amendment. The Statement makes of record in this continuation application the documents that are of record in the parent application.***

Please amend the application prior to the first Office Action and calculation of filing fee as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the Related Application paragraph beginning on Page 1, Line 5 as follows in clean form (the amended paragraph is also presented attached in marked-up form):